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BEFORE THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268–0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES

PRIORITY MAIL

PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 69

Docket No. MC2014-7

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PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 69 (MC2014-7)
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No. CP2014-8

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CHARMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(November 27, 2013)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, issued November 25, 2013. Responses were due November 27, 2013. Each question is reprinted verbatim in the attached, and is followed by the Postal Service's response.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

1. Section V of the Agreement refers to a confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement entered into by "the parties" on July 7, 2010. Agreement, Attachment B at 3. Please provide a description of any terms of the confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement that establish: (1) requirements for employees of the Postal Service; (2) requirements that affect the ability of the Postal Service to communicate information about the Agreement to the Commission; and (3) financial penalties for failing to carry out those requirements. In the alternative, please provide a copy of the confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement.

RESPONSE:

The Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) states that any employees that come into contact with confidential information should be notified of its confidential nature, and are instructed to use the same degree of care as they employ with their own proprietary information. No specific requirements are established for Postal Service employees other than to use a reasonable degree of care to protect confidential information. The NDA does not impose any additional requirements that would restrict the ability of the Postal Service to communicate information about the contract to the Commission. The Postal Service may disclose information to governmental bodies when requested as part of their oversight or regulatory responsibilities. There are no financial penalties for a violation of the NDA.

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2. Please refer to section I.E. of the Agreement. Please confirm that the volume projection figure in that section establishes the average number of contract packages that must be sent in any single quarter of any given four-quarter period during term of the Agreement. If not confirmed, please explain.

RESPONSE:

Not confirmed. The volume in any single quarter may drop below the volume projection figure. But, the four-quarter rolling average must meet or exceed the volume projection figure.